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SUBJECT: KUBISCH-HUERTA MEETING: PURPOSE OF KUBISCH VISIT
TO CHILE; AND U.S. POLICY TOWARD CHILE

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1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT MEMOCON ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH HAS NOT
BEEN SEEN BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH. IT SHOULD NOT BE
DISTRIBUTED UNTIL APPROVED BY HIM.

2. KUBISCH SAID PRINCIPAL REASON FOR HIS VISIT TO CHILE
IS AS A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL AND SUPPORT FOR GOC. HE EXPLAINED
THAT HE AND HIS DEPUTIES WERE CONDUCTING A SERIES OF SUB-
REGIONAL MEETINGS OF U.S. CHIEFS OF MISSION, WHICH WERE BEING
HELD IN GUATEMALA, JAMAICA, PERU AND ARGENTINA. IN ADDITION,
THE SECRETARY HAD ASKED KUBISCH TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER HUERTA
AND BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GIBSON BARBOZA. HE SAID THAT
THIS WAS A PARTICULARLY GOOD TIME FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE BECAUSE USG DESIRED MAJOR NEW SET OF
RELATIONSHIPS WITH LATIN AMERICA. IN PARTICULAR, SECRETARY
KISSINGER HAD ASKED KUBISCH TO COME TO CHILE SO THAT GOC WOULD
UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION TOWARD CHILE REMAINS THE SAME AS WHEN THE
SECRETARY EXPLAINED IT TO ADMIRAL HUERTA IN WASHINGTON.

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3. KUBISCH SAID ADMIRAL HUERTA WAS WELL AWARE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S. AS A COMPLEX SOCIETY. ADMIRAL HUERTA MIGHT HEAR OF CRITICAL ARTICLES AND REPORTS APPEARING IN THE PRESS AND ELSEWHERE IN THE U.S. MORE-OVER, IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT SEE EYE TO EYE ON EVERY SINGLE ISSUE. NEVERTHELESS, THE USG POLICY IS TO SUPPORT AND COOPERATE WITH THE GOC.

4. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INCLUDES THE INDEPENDENT EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES. AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS MUCH CRITICISM OF CHILE IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. NATURALLY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAS TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. IN CONSEQUENCE, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR THE USG TO BE TOO PROMINENT IN SUPPORT OF THE GOC BECAUSE THAT COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS.

5. KUBISCH ADDED THAT UNFORTUNATELY DIFFICULTIES ARE ALSO CREATED BY CERTAIN PUBLIC AND PRESS PERCEPTIONS OF CHILEAN EVENTS AND THE CHILEAN SITUATION. THE GOC WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS SITUATION AS IT CAN, AND WILL HAVE TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO IMPROVE ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE, AS WE ALL DESIRE.

6. ADMIRAL HUERTA SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED THESE ASSURANCES ABOUT U.S. POLICY AND UNDERSTOOD THE USG SITUATION.

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